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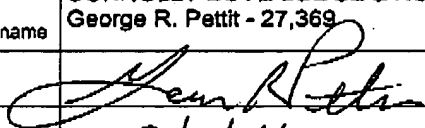
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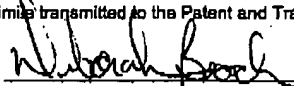
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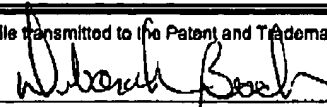
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Applicant(s): Takekuma et al.					
Invention: GOODS DEALING APPARATUS, GOODS, DEALING SYSTEM, GOODS DEALING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM					
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 (Paper No. 8), finally rejecting claims 1 and 47-70, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 29 of this paper.